

FISH IN PLENTY AT T WHARF.

But Prices Were Kept Up by
Good Demand.

It is a "gilt edge" fish day at T wharf today, for crowded at the pier are 34 of the market boat fleet with 550,000 pounds of fish, about all haddock, and all bran new, the result of just two sets for each craft, about all of whom fished on Jeffries. All the fleet in sailed from here Wednesday night and set Thursday and Friday, so their offerings are of the finest quality. The haddock are large sized and as prices are good and the trips run from fair to large, with but few small ones, it is a good money making day for the fishermen.

Capt. Frank Cooney in sch. Mary E. Cooney, had the banner trip, 34,000 pounds, all taken in one set, while the Provincetown sch. Matchless was close up, with about the same amount to show for two days fishing.

The fares averaged 13,000 pounds, but several crafts had from 15,000 up to 34,000 pounds, among these being schs. Warren M. Goodspeed, Matchless, Metamora, Priscilla, Aspinet, Genesta, Maud F. Silva, Emily Cooney, Walter P. Goulart, Belbina P. Domingoes and Mary B. Greer. At least \$160,000 is a conservative estimate of the value of the fares there today.

On the Yarmouth steamer yesterday morning, there were 373 crates of lobsters, and on the Halifax steamer, due yesterday afternoon, there were 43 more crates.

The receipts in detail are

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 13,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Jessie Costa.
Sch. Mary C. Santos.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 7000 haddock, 3500 cod, 4500 pollock.
Sch. Matchless, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Washakie, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Hortense, 8900 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Alice, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Seaconnet, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Mary Edith, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Metamora, 20,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 1500 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Lillian, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Motor, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Priscilla, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 28,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Clara G. Silva.
Sch. Matiana, 8000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1500 cusk, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Pontiac, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Stranger, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Aspinet, 28,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Rebecca, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 4000 haddock, 900 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Genesta, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 13,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 17,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 15,000 haddock, 200 cod.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 15,500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Manomet 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Haddock, \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50; markets, \$3.50; cusk, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$3.50; hake, \$4.

Feb. 5.

We Must Nurse Our Fishing Industry.

BY
HON. GEORGE E. MACDONALD.



THE question, "What can we do for the welfare of Gloucester?" has been asked many times and many ideas have been suggested on public occasions and in the editorial columns of the Times. In my opinion, the Gloucester Times can do more to injure or help this city than anything I may suggest. The whole country is run by politics in which the newspapers play a very important part.

Our principal asset is the fishing business and the real producers are the men who sailed and are sailing today; around Eastern Point, winter and summer, at the risk of their lives; don't forget this! I am one of those who believe in looking after these men and building up our fishing industry.

I would like also to see more factories, but politics have played such a conspicuous part in this factory farce that people have lost faith in getting factories here. Every city council in the past has tried to induce factories to locate here. When I was mayor, I wrote letter after letter to different concerns, stating the railroad and water facilities and that in my opinion Gloucester would lease them any part of the poor farm property for any reasonable number of years, free. Other mayors before me have done the same and those who follow will no doubt continue to do so. The question of getting factories is nothing new. But we must keep on trying.

Gloucester is a natural summer resort; there is none better and it is bound to grow, for our real estate agents, whose business it is to sell seashore property, will see to that.

Can Gloucester be a leading summer resort, the largest fishing port in these United States and a manufacturing city at one and the same time? Think it over. I wish it could be. What factories we have are run mostly by local capital. There are small factories we have that I believe with a little encouragement would more than double their business and thereby employ more help. Look them up and see whether it would not be best to encourage them or to continue expending all the money on tablets and fireworks.

Thousands of dollars have been expended in this little city, and no doubt in good faith, it is said to "boost Gloucester." If the amount expended to boost Gloucester year after year was invested in some plant that would give employment to our people and thereby encourage our citizens to stay here, as well as encourage others to come, Gloucester would at least stay on the map. Suppose we try it.

We must nurse our fishing industry and see that what there is of it does not slip away. If we are to have any more celebrations and the committee, whoever they may be, have no intention of appropriating the proceeds to help along some industry that will employ our people, I trust that they will erect some memorial to the fishermen, for if there is a class of people that deserve recognition in Gloucester, it is the fishermen, the men who have made the city. Those of us who have the pleasure of sitting by our firesides and enjoying ourselves the year round don't want to force too hard upon these men, who have to face all kinds of weather upon the wild ocean, just what they must do and what they must not do. They are under no obligations to this city and some day we will wake up to this fact when it is too late.

Gloucester had over 500 sail of vessels a few years ago; I doubt if there are 200 today. Sad, but true. I cannot help thinking of those days when the Saywards, Wensons, Walens, Rowe & Jordan, Leighton, Clark & Somes, Steele, Dodd & Tarr, James G. Tarr & Bro., Procter, Dennis, and others I could mention were more than busy handling fish. If the Gloucester fishermen should happen to arrive in Boston in those days, they took the first train for Gloucester; now, if they arrive in Gloucester, most of them take the first train for Boston. I trust that the Booster Club will get busy and keep busy the whole year and get our fresh fishermen to come here so that our people can do business in Gloucester. If they go to Boston, who is to blame?

We want the summer people and we should certainly continue to encourage them to come here, but we don't want to sacrifice our fishing industry to such an extent as to make Gloucester only a summer resort and this is just what I am afraid some people are doing, although perhaps unintentionally. Let us all pull together and when there is any meeting called in the interest of Gloucester, let it be in the interest of Gloucester and not a few individuals who have an ax to grind. Why not invite all factions and cut out the political side and let all be heard, even though we do differ in our opinion?

This is my honest opinion in regard to Gloucester's welfare.

GEORGE E. MACDONALD.

Feb. 5.

TWO REMARKABLE QUICK FISHING TRIPS MADE.

Sch. Indiana Breaks All Records in Newfoundland Herring Fishery.

Sch. John Hays Hammond Gets Big Halibut Fare in 17 Days.

There are but two arrivals here this morning, but these two are enough to make all hands sit up and take notice, as size and quickness are featured in one and again quickness and the breaking of a long standing record in the case of the other. One brings the welcome news that there is still a good look of halibut on Quero bank, and brightens considerably the halibut horizon, while the other shows that under certain conditions a vessel can go to Bay of Islands, N. F., late in January, secure a load of salt herring and get home with them.

All of which is just another way of saying that Indiana, Capt. Almon D. Malloch is home from Bay of Islands, after a daring, late voyage, with a full cargo of salt herring and incidentally broken the record for the quickest herring voyage ever made to Newfoundland. Also schooner John

Hays Hammond, Capt. Christopher Gibbs, is in this morning from Quero bank with a big fare of halibut, 45,000 pounds or better, caught in a very short time.

It is a coincidence that both these crafts sailed from here the same day, January 19 and returned also the same day, each being gone but 17 days.

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WHARF HABITUÉS GIVEN SURPRISE.

Arrival of Schs. Indiana and J. H. Hammond Unexpected.

Sch. John Hays Hammond came in this morning from a very quick halibut trip, with a big fare. Sch. Indiana followed her a few moments later, coming from Bay of Islands with the largest winter cargo of salt herring that ever came out of the bay.

The old wharf habitues were not expecting these crafts and could hardly believe their eyes as they came sailing up the harbor. The Hammond has set a good mark for the year on quick halibut trips, while the Indiana has broken the Newfoundland trip record, all about both of which is told in detail in another column.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston.
Sch. Indiana, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1500 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. John Hays Hammond, Quero Bank, 45,000 lbs. halibut 7000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, Boston.
Sch. Ida F. Brooks, Boston.
Sch. Avalon, Boston.
Sch. Actor, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.
Sch. Grayling, eastern handlining, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 25,000 lbs. fresh cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Athena, shore.
Sch. Pauline, Georges.
Sch. Margie Smith, pollocking.
Sch. Kineo, halibuting.
Sch. Teazer, halibuting.
Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Boston, with cargo of frozen herring.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. per lb. for gray.

Board of trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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HEARING ON CLAM ORDINANCE

Fitz J. Babson Urged Closing Portion of Flats.

The first in the series of clam hearings to obtain the views of the clam diggers with regard to the nature of ordinances which would be necessary to protect the industry was given by the municipal council Friday afternoon, only one person, Fitz J. Babson, being heard.

George W. Harvey and Mr. Curtis were present, but they did not speak.

City Solicitor Cunningham read the statute law, which appeared very clear and practically covered all that an ordinance would be required to do.

Alderman McIntire thought it would be a good idea to hear from the Ipswich and Newburyport people and see what regulations they had, which might be just such as were needed here.

Close Season on Sections of Flats Urged.

Fitz J. Babson said that with proper conservation, the Annisquam river flats could be made very productive. There was fully \$100,000 in the river in clams each year, if properly handled. It would be a good thing to adopt the Ipswich plan and set off some sections of the flats, which would be exempt from digging for a certain time. The way it is now the "dagoes" take everything. His clam flats were good while they lasted and while he took care of them. He had very little trouble in keeping people off. In Duxbury they go out with a lantern and umbrella. The whole question is in permitting the clam to get to a good size before it is taken. A clam matures in three years.

It was voted to invite Mr. Belding of the Massachusetts fish and game commission down to give his views, and the hearing adjourned to tomorrow afternoon.

Feb. 7.

FISH RAISING ON FARMS.

Professor L. L. Dyche of the University of Kansas is agitating the subject of having a fish pond on every Kansas farm and proposes to dedicate the remainder of his life to this object.

He argues that "a farmer can make more ready cash out of an acre of water properly stocked with fish, than he can on 10 acres of land planted in wheat, corn or alfalfa. This is the history of the fish industry in Germany, and other European countries."

"The trouble is," he says, "that the American farmer doesn't grasp the situation in regard to the fish industry. It is easy to raise fish. They grow rapidly. In fact they never quit growing. Fresh fish bring about the same price at the markets as a good beefsteak. In fact beef sets the price of fresh fish."

The professor is now making a special study of the various methods of building ponds on the farm and the kind of fish that will do best in the different kinds of water in the state.

Undoubtedly a good fish pond on a farm would prove a valuable acquisition as it would afford opportunity for a change of diet fresh from the water as required. But whether or not the farmers could get rich out of it is a side of the subject which would need to be proven by practical results. If every farm is to have its fish pond it seems to us that there would be a large supply of the fish product; but if this lessened the price in this food commodity it would certainly prove worth the while to give the project a trial. The outcome of Professor Dyche's plans in reference to establishing these fish ponds will be looked forward to with considerable interest.

FRESH FISH AT T WHARF.

Prices Good For a Saturday Market.

The Saturday fish offering of the fleet at T wharf today is not large. Three off-shores and seven market boats are in, with about 240,000 pounds of fish, about all haddock.

Prices are good for Saturday, off-shore haddock bringing \$2.50 and \$2.75 with shore at \$3.40. Pollock dropped off a little to \$2.75, but cod hold strong at \$3 for markets and \$5 for large.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, 50,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Cynthia, 28,000 haddock, 17,000 cod.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, 17,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 20,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Hope, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Tecumseh, 6000 haddock, 400 cod, 300 hake.

Sch. Minerva, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 20,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Off shore haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$3.40; off shore cod, \$4 right through; large shore cod, \$5; market cod, \$3; pollock, \$2.75.

Halibut Fares Sold.

The fare of halibut of sch. Juno sold to the New England Fish Company and that of sch. Paragon to the American Halibut Company, at 12 cents per pound for white and 10 cents per pound for gray.

The New England Fish Company also brought the big fare of sch. John Hays Hammond, at the same figures, to take out Monday.